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Nationally-known sportswriter Dave Kindred, a 1963 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, former *Pantagraph* sportswriter and native of Atlanta, Ill., will present a lecture and sign his latest book during IWU Homecoming festivities next week.

Kindred's latest book is "Sound and Fury: Two Powerful Lives, One Fateful Friendship," which recreates the unlikely connection between heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and "heavyweight" broadcaster Howard Cosell. Many of the events in the book are recounted firsthand by the author, who knew both men personally.

In his *New York Times* review, noted boxing author Budd Schulberg wrote: "'Sound and Fury' happily lives up to its promise in defining 'two powerful lives' and 'one fateful friendship,' telling the interwoven stories of the two most colorful and controversial sports figures, the most celebrated and self-celebrating prizefighter and sportscaster who ever lived. . .Theirs was a tale waiting to be told, and Dave Kindred's credentials make him the ideal testifier to this odd couple's verbal sparring."

Kindred will speak about the art of biography writing at 11 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 6 in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library, 100 Ames Plaza, Bloomington. He will describe the processes of research, reporting, organization, narrative structure and decision-making on emphasis, tone and verification that he has used over the years in writing his books.

Also on Fri., Oct. 6, Kindred will be signing the Ali-Cosell book from 2 to 4 p.m. in The Ames Library's John Wesley Powell Rotunda.

Kindred has been a newspaper columnist for 37 years, covering sports for numerous newspapers and magazines, including *The Sporting News*, the *Washington Post* and *Golf Digest*. He is the 1991 winner of the Red Smith Award for lifetime achievement in sports journalism, as well as a multiple winner of the "National Sportswriter of the Year" award, and has authored seven books.



Dave Kindred